

the New Jersey Business & Industry Association; the Chemical Industry Council of New Jersey; United Way of Morris County; the Community Soup Kitchen; the Morris County Airport Advisory Committee; the Somerset Hills YMCA and other organizations.

In 2012, Paul was nominated by Governor Chris Christie and confirmed by the New Jersey State Senate to serve with six other commissioners on the Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC). PERC is a state administrative agency charged with administering the New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act. The agency deals with certain labor relations issues involving public employers, public employees, and unions that represent public employees.

Paul is a strong team player with a proven track record of successfully working with cross functional teams, and worked closely with Chamber staff, Cabinet members and general membership. His leadership has been invaluable to New Jersey and to the preservation and expansion of Picatinny Arsenal in Rockaway Township, and multiple programs that serve active duty servicemen and women, their families, and veterans.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in congratulating Paul on the occasion of his retirement from the Morris County Chamber of Commerce.

HONORING RICHARD DAVIDIAN

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, the Pelham community of which I represent is very fortunate to have so many active and involved members working to improve the neighborhood. One of those individuals, Richard Davidian, has had an especially impactful role for students in Pelham's exceptional school system.

A long-time Pelham Civic Member and Officer, Rich, as he is better known, created and chaired one of the most successful programs in Pelham Civics' history—Help a Child, Change A Life Student Development Initiative. This revolutionary program focuses on students (K–12) from economically challenged households providing access to learning tools and skill development programs designed to move them closer to their true potential. Nothing like this had been done before, and the program rapidly grew across the entire district touching all the schools and grades.

The results were unprecedented—Elementary school students who were performing far below benchmark, were now performing at benchmark; Middle school and high school students who were failing multiple classes were now passing, and some were achieving honors, and high honor roll; Students were now attending advanced placement courses, and college courses. Rich was honored by the Board of Education with the Thomas B. Fenlon Award, which was usually given to retiring Board of Education members.

In addition, Rich chaired the Pelham Civics Good Neighbors Program for 12 years, where his exemplary diligence and attention to detail, combined with his compassion and commitment, was a tremendous source of comfort and hope. Rich is a Retired Partner of a global

consulting firm where he was a recognized thought leader in marketing and sales strategy. He and his wife Sona take great pride in their three daughters, two sons-in-law and first grandchild.

Rich is honored as humanitarian, visionary, and exemplary Pelham Civic. It is no wonder then why the Civics have decided to honor Rich at their 2018 Dinner Dance. He is most deserving of the recognition. I want to congratulate Rich on this wonderful honor and thank him for all he has accomplished on behalf of Pelham and its residents.

CONGRATULATING CHARLES DAVID WOODBURN

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Charles David Woodburn, Jr. on his retirement on November 2 after thirty-four years of distinguished service to this House.

Charles David "Dave" Woodburn, Jr. was first hired by former Clerk of the House Donn Anderson in September 1984 as a Sales Clerk in the Office Supply Store. He moved through the ranks of Special Order Clerk, Purchasing Department, to Inventory Control Specialist from 1984–2002. When the Chief Administrative Office underwent a reorganization, Dave joined the furniture organization.

Dave has always been recognized as a diligent and hard worker, with a strong work ethic. In the furniture organization he held many positions, including Supervisor and Manager for Receiving and Warehousing. Eventually, he was asked to serve as the Director of the Logistics and Distribution Department. This department was expanded to include Receiving and Warehousing, Logistics and Distribution, and Workflow Management. In addition to these duties, since 2008, Dave has played an integral role in the Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery (BCDR) team with the U.S. House of Representatives. His official title is Capability Manager, responsible for providing logistical support and furniture needs for all House emergency preparedness activities.

One notable contribution that Dave made to the House was his participation in the October 17, 2001 "Response Project" related to the anthrax incident on Capitol Hill. All Members, Committees, and Staff were able to be relocated to an alternate location, and Dave and his team were responsible for all logistical aspects of this project. He was commended for his contribution to this effort while ensuring that the business of the House went forward unhindered. Dave and his team have also been at the forefront of the Cannon Renewal Project since 2013. He received the CAO Knowledge Award, presented by Chief Administrative Officer Jay Eagan in 2007, for his extensive knowledge of the House and its operations.

Dave plans to spend his retirement years with his still very active parents, his wife of fourteen years, Marie, and his six children and ten grandchildren. He has said how much he is looking forward to returning to his hometown of Leonardtown, in Maryland's Fifth District, where he was born and raised, after a long and storied career with the House of

Representatives. Just as important as the work he performed over the years, Dave passed along his extensive logistics and furniture experience to his staff and coworkers as a mentor.

On behalf of the entire House, I congratulate Dave for his many years of dedication and outstanding contributions to this institution. I wish him many wonderful years of fulfillment with family and community in his retirement.

HONORING JOHN H. DIRZIUS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the many family, friends, and colleagues who have gathered to extend my heartfelt congratulations to my dear friend, John H. Dirzius, as he marks his retirement from the American Postal Workers Union. In his nearly fifty years of union service, John has been a strong advocate for his members. His commitment and dedication have made a difference for thousands of working families and I have no doubt his leadership will be missed.

John began his postal career in the Post Office of Seymour, Connecticut in 1970. As one might remember, the 1970's were a transformative time in our culture with a number of unique fashion and hair trends for both men and women. Just two years into his postal career, John was issued a notice of removal for having, in the opinion of the local Postmaster, "long hair." Taking issue with the "reasoning" behind the notice for removal, John sought to file a union grievance and soon learned that working in such a small office did not offer the greatest of union representation. Eventually, John filed an EEOC complaint and won his job back—and it was this incident that marked the start of his 46-year career in the postal union.

In his earliest years, John played a major role in the merging of Seymour's small Local with that of the larger Local in New Haven, creating what would be the first of many Area Locals in the newly merged American Postal Workers Union. In 1973, John was appointed as a union organizer and within a few years, the New Haven Area Local was well on its way to becoming one of the largest in the APWU. Never forgetting his early roots as a postal worker in Seymour, John steadily rose through the ranks, serving in various leadership positions within the Local and State APWU. He served for over two decades as the President of the Greater Connecticut Area Local, representing postal workers employed in more than two-hundred facilities throughout the state, before his appointment as the Northeast Regional Coordinator—a position in which he has served for the last eight years.

John's commitment to the labor movement has extended far beyond the APWU. He has been an active member of the AFL–CIO, once serving as a State Federation Vice-President, he is a past Vice-President of the Greater New Haven CT Labor Council and has volunteered as a community mediator. In addition to all of this, John has also found the time to volunteer his time with numerous civic and youth